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Applicants submit herewith a substitute specification to replace the specification as filed. The substitute specification is believed to be free of the informalities noted by the Examiner at paragraphs 4-8 of the Official Action of 23 December 2003 in the parent application.

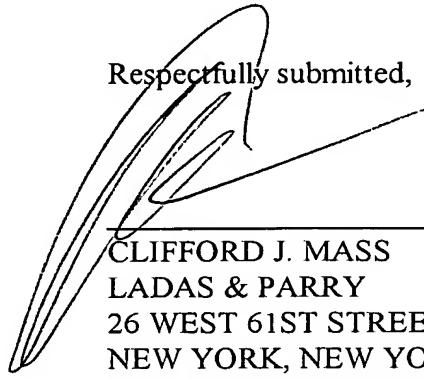
Claims 1-7 have been canceled and replaced with new Claims 8-16. These claims are believed to be free of the rejections raised at paragraph 12 of the Official Action in the parent application and are otherwise believed to be sufficiently definite to satisfy the dictates of 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

In addition, the new claims are believed to draw clear support from the specification as filed at, for example, page 2, line 24-page 3, last line. Moreover, those of skill in the art would be enabled by the specification of the present application and by the specification of the priority application to practice the invention as now claimed without undue experimentation. Accordingly, the amendment to the claims is respectfully believed to remove the basis for the rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the aforementioned Official Action.

With respect to the objection to the Declaration at paragraph 3 of the Official Action, Applicants respectfully note that the Declaration as filed does include the complete mailing address, including ZIP code, of the inventors. Accordingly, this objection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the above, all objections and rejections raised in the parent application are believed to have been overcome and the application is believed to be in allowable form. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited and is believed to be fully warranted.

Respectfully submitted,


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